3. **Maria AHLSDOTTER** was born 25 Feb 1803 at Rännelanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden, the daughter of **6.Ahl Jansson FÄRDIG** and **7.Britta JANSDOTTER**. Maria died 28 Jul 1874 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden.

They had 1 child:

1. M i. Magnus (Andreasson) CHALLEEN b. 2 Dec 1847 d. 14 Dec 1921

Andreas Jansson, father of Magnus Challeen and step-father of Andrew Challeen, was born June 23,1793 at the farm village of Södre Bön in the parish of Dals-Ed. At an age of 22, he married Anna Parsdotter on 18 Feb 1815. She was the sister of his step-mother, Kerstin Parsdotter. The marriage record indicates his occupation as farmhand (dräng). Their first child, Matthias, was born 2 months later in April 1815. They lived in Rölanda parish, initially in the farm/villages of Högen, Hökesäter, and Mellbyn from 1815-1822. They moved to Ed:Södre Bön from 1823 until 1825 when they came back to Rölanda and permanently settled in the farm/village of Lurketorp. Andreas Jansson and Anna Parsdotter had at least five children: Matthias, Anna Stina, Ullrika, Catrina, and Johannes. (Anna Stina died at age 16 from "slag" (stroke or blow). Anna Parsdotter died in 1842 at an age of 49 (cause: "okänd sjukdom" unknown sickness).The following year, on 11 Apr 1843, Andreas married Maria Ahlsdotter, widow of Anders Andersson and mother of Andrew Challeen. Andreas had probably met her through her father, Ahl Färdig, who lived in Lurketorp at that time. Some of her children, Nils, Andreas (Challeen), Anna and Jonas came with her so there may have been up to 8 children in the household at one time. Andreas and Maria had one child, Magnus (Challeen). Andreas was 52 at the time of birth and Maria was 43, so they were near the end of her child-bearing years. Gradually the children left home, to places like Ed, Norway and America. Maria Ahlsdotter died in 1874. Andreas was 81 at the time. His daughter, Katrina, came to live with him and help him in his old age as did three of his grandchildren, Anna Kristiansdotter, Carl Matthiasson, and Andrea Johannesdotter. Andreas died in 1877 at an age of 84. The cause of death in the church record-"håll och stygn" (pneumonia).

Maria Ahlsdotter, mother of Magnus and Andrew Challeen, was born in the parish of Rännelanda, about ten miles south of Rölanda, in 1803. Her father, Ahl Färdig, was a soldier and the family lived in the farm/village of Guntorp. Maria's first husband was Anders Andersson with whom she had six children, including Andrew (Challeen). They lived in the farm/villages of Torp, Dalen and Högen. After Anders died at age 38 in 1840, Maria married the widower, Andreas Jansson, on June 4, 1843 at an age of 39. Out of that union was born one child, a son Magnus (Challeen) in 1847. Maria Ahlsdotter died on July 28, 1874 at an age of 61.

Andreas had previously married (2) **Anna PARSDOTTER** 18 Feb 1815 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden. She was born 1 Jun 1793 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden, the daughter of Par ANDERSON and Anna MANSDOTTER. Anna died 27 Mar 1842 at Rölanda, Älvsborg, Dalsland, Sweden.

They had 5 known children:

M ii. Matthias ANDREASSON b. 14 Apr 1815
F iii. Anna Stina ANDREASDOTTER b. 3 Aug 1818
F iv. Ulrika ANDREASDOTTER b. 8 Sep 1821

Ulrika Andreasdotter married the soldier, Carl Johannesson Mell. They lived in the farm/village of Västre Hökesater in Rölanda and later moved to Glennen, Norway for few years. After awhile they returned to Rölanda and later the family emigrated to Minnesota, living at Rush Point in Nessel township, Chisago county across the lake from Magnus and Andrew Challeen. Some of the family then moved to Alborn near Duluth. Otto Mell and family remained at Rush Point.

F v. Catrina ANDREASDOTTER b. 8 Aug 1824
M vi. Johannes ANDREASSON b. 12 Mar 1831

Anna Parsdotter, daughter of Par Anderson (born 1756) and Anna Mansdotter, and 1st wife of Andreas Jansson, was also the sister of Andreas' stepmother, Kerstin.

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